

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 50-86 are pending, with Claims 50-52, 64-66, 70-72 and 81-83 amended by the present amendment.

In the Official Action, Claims 50-52, 64-66, 70-72 and 81-83 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101; and Claims 53-63, 67-69, 73-80 and 84-86 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

The Official Action asserts that Claims 50-52, 64-66, 70-72 and 81-83 fail to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 101 because Claims 50-52, 64-66, 70-72 and 81-83 do not recite a computer medium. Applicants traverse, as previously pending Claims 50-52, 64-66, 70-72 and 81-83 did recite "computer-readable recording medium." Nonetheless, to expedite progress toward allowance, Claims 50-52, 64-66, 70-72 and 81-83 are amended to recite language that Applicants believe is compliant with 35 U.S.C. § 101 and has proven acceptable by various PTO internal 101 review boards. No new matter is added. If the present amendment is not acceptable, Applicants request the courtesy of a telephone interview with the Examiner to identify language that is acceptable and compliant with 35 U.S.C. § 101.

In view of the allowance of Claims 53-63, 67-69, 73-80 and 84-86, Applicants submit that amended Claims 50-52, 64-66, 70-72 and 81-83 are in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

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